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BIRTH.
At the Mansion, River Valley Road, Singapore,
the wife of A. GREGOR, of a son.

The Daily Press.
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HONGKONG, 16th February, 1901

The negotiations between China and the nations regarding the steps to be taken to extricate her from her untenable position consequent on her little eccentricities of last June, do not seem to make much progress; and rumour points to certain of the European Powers as not so anxious as they profess to have the case closed. There is little doubt that the Chinese themselves are beginning to get anxious on the subject, and would willingly enough yield the points at issue, including the execution of the principal culprit Prince Tuan; but are prevented by the kind interference of certain officious friends, who without invitation have assumed the part of counsel for the defence, and in recompense for this self-assumed task would claim the privilege to fix their fee at a rate to be dictated by themselves. Personally, of course, nobody cares for any of the actors in the recent tragedies; though the attempt has been made in interested quarters to whitewash the Empress Dowager, it has not borne much fruit, and most sensible people are content to take her as she is—a vulgar, ignorant woman. Of course it is not always to be expected that monarchs and princesses are altogether as refined and virtuous as for reasons of state they are represented to their subjects, loving or otherwise, and it would be extremely inconvenient were the world at large, in making a treaty with any particular country, to have to make private enquiries into the personal character of its chief. The Great Seal has to cover a multitude of offences, and the axiom that the King can do no wrong has to be accepted with a very wide reserve. The peculiarity of the present case is that no such immunity can be pleaded for the perpetrators of those eccentricities as the crimes of China, as a state, are intimately mixed with the crimes of the perpetrators as individuals. The murder of a Minister by a state is no less a crime than his murder by an individual, and as the quondam Empress Regent, and her accomplice Prince Tuan, are personally responsible for the crime against the law of nations, it becomes an indifferent matter under which code they are to be punished. This is altogether beyond the question.

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of the illegality of the Dowager's position at the date of the massacres. For obvious reasons international law recognises in principle the *de facto* ruler as the ruler *de jure*, but international law has at all times in exceptional cases recognised the right of displacement. The Regency had long expired, the Emperor was not only *de jure*, but *de facto* ruler, and the *coup d'état* of the 22nd September, 1898, by no means compelled the Powers to acknowledge the irregular post-regency, beyond their own convenience. Had the outside Powers then been desirous of coming to an understanding with regard to China, there was no international difficulty to be overcome, and Russia especially has always upheld the right to withhold acknowledgement. It therefore comes with peculiar inconsistency that Russia should seem to be using her influence to save certain individuals from the natural consequences of their own actions; we say seem, because as yet we have only got the Chinese version of a very curious instance of alleged assumption of superior right. Russia has not throughout the negotiations attempted to expedite a settlement. Such a course was open to her and no one had the right to complain. She had also the right to make what arrangements she could on her private account with China, so long as these arrangements did not bring her into hostile conflict with the other Powers; but she has been assuming more, and been attempting to act of her own motion as arbitrator between two interests, neither of whom has sought her intervention. To China she has been posing as possessing the means of compelling the Powers, and to the Powers she has been putting forward her claims on China as a ready method of settling their demands. It is on record that in 1860 she successfully adopted similar tactics. Unfortunately for all parties Prince Kung, who had charge of Chinese affairs, accented General IGNATIEFF's assurance that Russia was China's only friend, and took the bait. All General IGNATIEFF required was a little slice of useless territory, which turned out to be the Primorsk, and so Russia got access to the Pacific and a position which has enabled her to interfere not only in China but put her fingers into the affairs of Japan and Corea. "Surely in vain," said a wise man, "is the net spread in the sight of any bird," and we might naturally expect that China, having been caught once, would a second time be cautious. Unfortunately, too, the United States, buoyed up with the hope of obtaining some separate "concession" in which others were not to join, has been committing a similar error to that fallen into in 1858, and has to all appearance acted as the abettor of Russia, so that a very simple situation has been complicated by extraneous issues. In the middle stands China, anxious only at any cost to get out of the mess she has got into, but like an old woman who has just haled a cab, utterly unable to decide between the various applicants for the job. Such is the situation, and it would be ludicrous were it not for the importance of the interests involved. It is abundantly clear that the Allies hold at present the trump card, but they have made so many mistakes that it is by no means clear that they are prepared to take advantage of it. The two at Hsianfu have learned from rough experience that that city of refuge has not proved an Elysium, and would gladly after their wanderings find themselves back again in the Forbidden City at Peking; that, however, is a privilege worth paying for, and it remains for the Allies to name their terms. Unfortunately they have been acting as if the position were reversed and it were incumbent on them to hold out inducements for the Imperial return.

The local banks will be closed next week on Tuesday and Wednesday for the China New Year Holiday.

All units of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps parade at Headquarters at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 19th inst., for competitive and other firing practice at Repulse Bay. The launches will leave Murray Pier at 9 o'clock sharp. H.E. the Governor and H.E. the General Officer Commanding and Staff will be present, and a full master is hoped for.

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The 6th inst. was the anniversary of the foundation of Singapore Settlement 80 years ago.

H.M. cruiser Undaunted left for home soon after 1 p.m. yesterday. The Austrian cruiser Zenta arrived from Bangkok.

No further plague cases were reported at Singapore up to the 6th inst., when the last mail left. No cholera cases are reported after the 3rd inst.

H.M. S. Dido arrived at Woosung last Saturday from this port, and on the same day H.M. torpedo-boat destroyer Oifer arrived and moored off the Shanghai Bund, opposite the Peking Road jetty.

According to a Fusan telegram of the 2nd inst. to the *Jiji*, the Russians are surveying inside and outside of Chin Kai-wan near Ma-sampo, one steam-boat and five boats being engaged in the work.

Capt. Waldkirch held a review of the German troops at Tientsin on the 9th inst. The Mounted Infantry on Chins ponies are said to have been a comical sight, but to have given impression of being highly effective.

After a brief career of five numbers, *L'Empire du Milieu*, the new French paper at Shanghai, has ceased its existence. The editor, M. J. E. Lemire announces that in consequence of the reappearance of *L'Echo de Chine*, with a weekly edition of the same shape as *L'Empire du Milieu*, the latter's reason for existence has stopped.

An *Aichi* telegram says—"In connection with the murder of a Chinese at Hongkong recently, it has been ascertained that the crime was carried out by order of the Chinese authorities. Great Britain has taken the matter up and is about to open negotiations with the Chinese Government to secure the dismissal of Tok Su (Tak Sow) Vice-roy of Kwangtung and Kwangsi." Where, we wonder, did the *Aichi* get this information?

The Band of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers will play at the Hongkong Hotel this evening from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. The programme will be—March—“Chinese War March”; Michel's Selection—“Haddon Hall”; Sullivan Value—“Swengali”; Roader Selection—“La Perichole”; Offenbach Song—“Polovtsi”; Piccolomini Three Dances from *Hansel und Gretel*; Extra—“Husarritt”; Spindler Descriptive—“God Save the King.”

A large number of bandits invaded the town of Taicu, Formosa, on the night of the 1st inst. at about 9 o'clock. Forty of them surprised a police-box and killed or wounded the policemen. They burnt down fourteen houses. Another company of bandits surprised the barracks of the Japanese infantry and the military hospital and set fire to the former building, destroying two rows. A few of the infantry and engineers were wounded. The bandits were driven off at 10.30.

A *Hunan Refugee* writes to the *P. & T. Times*:—The story told in North Honan about the Acting Vice-roy of Chihi who was, sometime ago, found guilty of the massacre of foreigners and behaved at Pao-ting-fu, is to the effect that he was executed (presumably by Chinese authorities) for having embezzled the public funds.

This is a striking example, showing the need for publishing everywhere, by means of proclamations, the true version of the cause, progress, and results of the present outbreak. The attention of our readers is called to the grand variety concert which is to take place this evening at the City Hall in aid of the Star Coffee House, an institution in D'Aguilar Street conducted under the auspices of the Missions to Seamen by Mr. H. C. Ashman. The concert has been organized by the U.S.S. Brooklyn Speciality Company, and a lengthy programme of comic and sentimental songs, dances, sketches, etc., has been drawn up. A rich musical treat is in store for those who attend on the occasion, and as the effort is being put forth to aid a much-deserving institution we predict for the committee a full and appreciative house. The booking is proceeding briskly at the Robinson Piano Co.

The troops of the garrison engaged in tactical exercises yesterday. At about eleven o'clock a supposed enemy landed near Tytan Tuk and attacked a position held by the Wong Nei Cheung section of the defenders. The attacking party was under the command of Lieut.-Col. Bertie, R.W.F., and the defending force under that of Major Dobell, R.W.F. The men carried 25 rounds each of blank ammunition, 50 rounds were served out to each of the Maxim guns, and the big guns were supplied with ammunition at the discretion of the commanding officer of the Royal Artillery. Colonel Brown, R.E., acted as senior umpire, and was assisted by two officers from the R.G.A. Hongkong, two from the Siege Train, R.G.A., and two from the 1st Bengal Lancers.

It is expected that H.B.M.S.'s Office of Works for China, Japan, Corea, and Siam will have plenty of work on its hands this year in the restoration of the British Legation at Peking, which suffered so much in the siege. The Legation was, immediately the siege was over, put into temporary habitable condition for the winter, and now the permanent work of restoration is to be undertaken. It is probable says the *N.C. Daily News*, that the Legation compound will be considerably extended, and double-effective means will be taken to prevent the possibility of its being fired on again from close quarters. If a scheme for a European Reservation in Peking is completed, the British Legation will form the north-west corner of it, and the defences will consist, as far as possible, of those of the outer lines of the Reservation, which include, it is said, a clear circular space or zone of about 100 yards breadth round the Reservation.

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Mr. Becker, H.I.G. M's Consul at Singapore, has been promoted to the rank of Colonel-General there.

Capt. Hagen, formerly chief officer of the "Blue Funnel" *Hecate*, has joined the local pilot service at Bangkok.

Messrs. H. Piry & Co. inform us that Mr. H. Piry has secured for the firm the sole monopoly of opium at Kwanchauwan.

Snow fell in Kobe last Sunday week, and on the following day a train bound from there to the capital got snowed up a few miles outside Kobe station.

M. Dabail will fill the post of M. Harmand French Minister at Tokyo, when the latter goes on leave, as he does at the end of next month, leaving Shanghai by the *Ernest Simone*.

M. de Beaure, French Consul at Shanghai, is going on leave. It is said that M. Bastard, Consul at Yokohama, will take charge of the French Consulate-General during his absence.

Mgr. Palluci, Roman Catholic Bishop of Hsien-ho, and his coadjutor have both died suddenly, and it is said that an enquiry into the circumstances of this double catastrophe is probable.

M. Delcasse announced on the 5th inst. that the Peking-Hankow railway had been repaired, that working had recommenced, and that the line had been carried to Peking, which trains were able to reach on the 3rd inst.

The death is reported at home of Captain R. Farquhar, formerly of the "Ban" liner *Edredon*. Capt. Farquhar had a large circle of friends in Hongkong, China and Japan ports, having been trading to the East for many years, and the news of his death has occasioned sincere regret.

Captain Dudley Carter Johnstone, I.M.S., 24th Baluchistan Regiment, was killed at Loralai, in N.W. India, the other day by a fanatic. The murderer lay in wait armed with a sword and dagger, to kill the first European he saw. On the appearance of Captain Johnstone who was going his rounds as Civil Surgeon, the fanatic rushed on him. The unfortunate officer had no time to escape and was cut down and stabbed to death in a moment. Upon this, a watchman seized the murderer and held him down until he was secured.

With regard to the current report at the Soochow yamens that Governor Nien is to be Minister at the Court of St. James, the *N.C. Daily News* says:—The appointment of this prominent Reform official to this high post, if it be true, will be received with profound satisfaction by foreigners, as it will place him in a position to learn the power of Western civilisation, and able to lead his nationals at the present crisis. Governor Nien, it will be remembered, was Thao-tai of Shanghai, and was a very acceptable official in every way. His wife is a sister of the late Murquis Tsing.

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The *Mr. A. Von Rossing*, of Messrs. Behn Meyer and Co., was convicted by a Singapore magistrate a month or so ago for importing and concealing arms. He appealed, and the hearing of the appeal came off the other day before Mr. Justice Leach, who held that it was not necessary to prove in support of the charge that the arms landed from the *Prins Heinrich* in fact contained guns, but the evidence, in his opinion, proved that the appellant had no such knowledge and that he, as agent of the ship, caused the arms to be landed in the *bond* fiducial that they could be legally imported. If the accused proved a mistake of facts as to the real nature of the articles imported, he in good faith believed himself to be justified in importing them, he was not liable to the penalty of fine and imprisonment, and as upon the evidence he found it proved that there was such a mistake of fact, and such a belief on the part of the appellant, the conviction on the first charge would not be sustained. Secondly, the evidence of the appellant showed that he derived no benefit from the importation, and the convictions would be quashed.

The application for £11,000,000 new Exchequer Bonds amount to £25,390,700. The average price was 297 5s. 4d.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Sado Maru* (European Line) left Kobe via Moji for this port on the 14th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 20th inst.

The N.P. steamer *Oceanic* sailed from Yokohama for Tientsin on the 14th inst.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Nagasaki at 1 p.m. on Thursday the 15th inst., and left again at 4 p.m. on Friday the 16th inst. for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

KING'S SPEECH TO PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, 14th February, 8.40 p.m.

KING READS HIS SPEECH—HIS EARNEST DESIRE.

Parliament opened to-day amid a brilliant ceremonial. His Majesty the King himself read his Speech. He stated that he earnestly desired to walk in his mother's footsteps.

SOUTH AFRICA.

POLICE COURT.

Friday, 16th February.

BEFORE MR. KEMPT.

THEFTS BY A CHINESE CONSTABLE.

Leung Sui, police constable, No. 7 Police Station, was charged on remand on the complaint of Inspector Baker, with stealing a watch and chain, of the value of \$9.50, from Indian P.C. 650, on the 26th ult. He pleaded not guilty.

Sergeant Sim said that on Saturday, 5th inst., on account of information received, he searched the defendant's police regulation box in the Chinese quarters at No. 7 Police Station, and found a number of pawn-tickets, including one for the watch and chain. He arrested the defendant.

P.C. 605 said that when he came off duty on the day of the theft he hung his coat, in the pocket of which was the watch, on the door of his room, and went to sleep. When he awoke the watch and chain were gone. He could identify his watch by certain marks on the cover, and was sure the one produced was his.

An assistant cook at No. 7 Police Station said that on the 1st inst. the defendant gave him the watch to pawn. Witness did so, and handed the loan—\$1.50—to the defendant.

The defendant, who stated that he bought the watch at a second-hand shop in Jervois Street, was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

This constable was further charged, on remand from Thursday, with stealing a pair of silk leggings, value \$2, the property of another Chinese constable, on the 5th inst. He again pleaded not guilty.

An accountant in the Leung Yick pawn shop, 124, Wellington Street, was the first witness called. He stated that on the morning of the 5th inst. the defendant pawned with him the pair of leggings produced.

The complainant said he lent the leggings to C.C. 252, and next morning the latter told him they had been stolen.

C.C. 252 said he put the leggings in his box, the lock of which was broken. He was consequently unable to secure the box, and in the morning he found the leggings gone.

The defendant was sent to prison for one month with hard labour, both sentences to be concurrent.

SHEILDING FROM HIS MASTER.

Li Yee, a servant boy in the service of a Portuguese clerk, was charged with stealing one pair of boots, of the value of \$4.50, from his master, on the 13th inst. The defendant denied the charge.

The keeper of a second-hand store said the defendant sold him the pair of shoes produced.

Defendant said his master had given him them.

The shoes were new.

Sentence was passed of three weeks' hard labour.

GAMBLERS.

The anti-gambling campaign by the police is still being zealously pursued, apparently, however, with but indifferent results, so far as the suppression of the vice is concerned. Inspector Macdonald of Yennan, in charge of a party of police, on the night of the 14th inst., raided a gambling den at Tai Kok Tsui, and made twenty-four arrests.

The three keepers were fined \$15 and the remaining twenty-one \$3 each. All the fines were paid.

RETURNING FROM BANISHMENT.

In connection with a robbery at Kowloon City early on the morning of the 13th inst., when four men, armed with cleavers, entered a dwelling-house and stole money and jewellery to the value of \$55, Sergeant Cameron, while pursuing investigation, entered a house in the village of Lye-sen-pan and found there two men who had been banished from the colony. He arrested the men and brought them over to Hong Kong.

His Worship sentenced each to twelve months' hard labour.

ALLEGED ROWDYISM IN SALOONS.

The attention of the police has of late been drawn to the fact that rowdyism to an excessive extent prevails nightly in certain saloons down West Point way, especially where there is a mixed gathering of soldiers and sailors of all nationalities. Two proprietors of saloons yesterday afternoon appeared before His Worship on charges of unlawfully failing to maintain order in their respective premises on the 13th inst.

Sergeant Kerr and P.C. Brown were the complainants in the first case, that of W. Krater, proprietor of the Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle, who pleaded not guilty, and was represented by Mr. M. W. Slade, barrister.

Evidence was heard, after which His Worship said that although the defendant had probably not taken adequate steps to preserve order, the evidence on certain points was not sufficiently strong to warrant a conviction. The defendant would be discharged.

The second case was that of the proprietor of the International Hotel, who was summoned by P.C. Brown. The defendant pleaded not guilty, and was unrepresented.

P.C. Brown said that at 11.30 p.m. on the 13th inst. he was on duty in Queen's Road Central. He was passing the International Hotel, and saw between twenty and thirty blue-jackets inside, most of them the worse for drink. About a dozen were fighting amongst themselves. Witness went close up to the door, in order that the proprietor or someone connected with the establishment might see him. After a time several of the more peaceable of the blue-jackets pulled the jingling ones into the street, where he latter resumed their fighting. Complainant and an Indian constable separated them, but the fighting inside still continued. The barman eventually came to the door, and complainant asked him if that was the way he kept his house. He replied—“Oh, that's nothing.” Complainant summoned the proprietor for keeping a disorderly house.

Indian constable 8.2 gave corroborative evidence.

The defendant maintained that he shut the door at the usual time, and that all the fighting took place outside.

The barman of the hotel, a negro called for the defence, said there were ten or twelve blue-jackets in the hotel that night, and after it had turned down the lights at the usual time they commenced to quarrel. He got them outside and closed the door. The men outside continued to fight, and as he did not want to let them in again, he kept the door closed and locked, three blue-jackets who still remained inside to wait till the fight was over. When it was finished, he opened the door to let them out, and saw P.C. Brown. Witness and several blue-jackets tried to separate the combatants when they at first commenced to fight inside the saloon.

P.C. Brown, recalled, said he saw some men come out and the door closed. The door opened again and the last witness appeared. It was then complainant spoke to him.

This concluded the case. His Worship, after reviewing the evidence, said he was not quite satisfied that the defendant did all he could to stop the fight, but there was no evidence that he did not make some attempt. The only evidence was that he did not call the police. In a case of that kind, where a man was made more or less responsible, the evidence should be

very clear. He had no choice but to discharge the defendant.

BLUEJACKETS ASSAULT THE POLICE.
Three blue-jackets from the Colicath appeared in court on rather serious charges—the first, of disorderly conduct and assaulting the police; the second, of disorderly conduct, assaulting the police, and damaging a rickshaw to the extent of \$20; and the third, of damaging property in a cell at the Central to the extent of \$5.

The first man pleaded not guilty, but was convicted on evidence and fined in all \$5 or 14 days. The second defendant was found not guilty on the third charge—that of damaging a rickshaw—but was convicted on the other two charges and fined \$10. The third man pleaded guilty, and was fined \$7. All the fines were paid.

FOOTBALL.

The Shield tie, V.R.C. v. G.C., R.W.F. will be played to-day, the kick off being at 4 o'clock. The following will be the V.R.C. team—

Goal—L. E. Brett; Backs—C. Fittcock, and G. Duncan; Half Backs—A. Loureiro, E. Lapeyre, and H. Howorth; Forwards—H. A. Seth, T. Yule, D. Smillie, E. E. Herton, and R. Henderson.

A Rugby match was played at Happy Valley on Wednesday afternoon between the Hongkong Club and the Royal Artillery. The Club, who won the toss, was one man short, and Von der Flidten, who was originally included in the forwards, was placed in the three-quarter line. The ground was hard and slippery, and this circumstance contributed in no slight measure to the tameness of play in the first half, which saw a goal registered by Capt. Tullock of the Artillery, and a try for the Club, converted by Hallifax.

The second half was marked by brighter play, but that of the Artillery was superior, and gained for them two more goals and a try. The Club did not add anything to their score, and the game thus ended in a win for the Artillery by two goals and one try to a goal. Clark and Halifax played a good game forward for the Club, but the latter was inclined to be selfish with the ball. Amongst the opposing team Harmon, in the three-quarter line, was perhaps the best man on the field, followed closely by “A Tommy” at full back. All admirers of athletics in the colony will regret to hear that Russell, the well-known back, in the second half of the game sustained a nasty sprain to the ankle, which necessitated his leaving the field. We sincerely trust he will be able to take his usual place in the next Association Shield tie, as his absence would be a serious matter for the Club.

CRICKET.

A Club eleven consisting entirely of Volunteers will play the Royal Welsh Fusiliers at 11 a.m. to-day. The following will play for the Volunteers—

F. Maitland, T. Hooper, J. A. Woodgates, J. A. Cox, A. H. Stewart, H. Libenud, J. Grant Smith, E. J. Garrard, T. J. Wild, R. T. Head, and B. Hansen.

HONGKONG POLO CLUB.

The first Tournament for the Royal Artillery Challenge Trophy will take place, weather permitting, on Monday next and following days. The following is the draw—

Monday, 18th February—22nd Bombay Infantry v. the Club.
Wednesday, 20th February—Royal Artillery v. Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Play to commence at 4 p.m.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report of the board of directors of the above company to the ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the offices of the company, Queen's buildings, New Praya, Hongkong, on Monday, the 25th February, at 10 o'clock noon.

To the shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited.

Gentlemen.—The directors have now submitted to you their report, with a statement of accounts for the half-year ended 31st December, 1900.

The net profit for the six months, after paying interest due and all charges, amounts to \$53,162.48 to which has to be added the balance brought forward from last account \$36,236.75

and from this have to be deducted—

Directors' Fees ... \$9,000.00
Auditors' Fees ... 750.00

leaving available for appropriation... \$37,849.23

The directors recommend that a dividend for the half-year of 10 per cent. or \$156,250, and a bonus of 14 per cent. or \$218,750, in all \$375,000, be paid to the shareholders, bonuses of \$20,000 to contributing shareholders and \$25,000 to the European staff, that \$82,842.96 be written off the value of the Kowloon Docks, \$17,760 from the Cosmopolitan Dock, \$2,640 from Steam Launches, \$9,320.07 from the cost of material on hand, and the balance \$236,757.20 carried to new account.

During the past six months the company has docked a much larger amount of tonnage than in any former half-year, so that our docking resources have been utilized to the utmost limit in meeting the demands made upon us, and your directors feel that if they are unable, within a reasonable time, to obtain from the Government a suitable site on equitable terms and conditions for the construction of another dock, than a large portion of our business will be forced, from want of docking accommodation, to go to some other port whence there would be difficulty in attracting it back to this colony.

Next to white, rose and capuchin are the favourite colours for the capotes. The velvet helmet is almost always black; but is worn only in half-dress. Some caps of crimson velvet are also worn; and there are others of China velvet.

The hair is dressed by some of the most fashionable women à la Ceres, with gold or silver ornaments, in the form of ears of wheat, and joined in the fashion of a diadem.

On Sunday morning, about three o'clock a scandalous piece of outracy was practised on the inhabitants of Gow-sell-place, by the workmen of the Foundry, for melting down cannon. Having an eighteen pounder, of which they could not draw the charge, and not chiselling for their own safety to trust it to the fire in the furnace, they placed it in the yard, and fired it off. The ball passed over the garden and field adjoining, cleared the roof of the houses along the length of Brick-lane, and fell in the neighbourhood of Bishopsgate-square. The flight occasioned by so great a report had very nearly proved fatal to some of the inhabitants, particularly to a lady just brought to bed. The circumstance of these men working nights and Sundays has long been complained of, but it is now hoped the magistrates will interfere and put a final stop to it.

DIRECTORS.

In accordance with clause 78 of the Articles of Association, Messrs. J. S. Van Buren and J. H. Lewis retire by rotation, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Mr. B. Good having left the Colony, Mr. F. Wittkowski has been invited by the directors to the vacant seat at the board. This appointment requires to be confirmed by the shareholders at this meeting.

Messrs. B. Shew and D. E. Brown have been invited to join the board, and these ex-

pendents require confirmation by the shareholders at this meeting.

MR. B. SHEWAN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN.
Mr. B. Shew and has been appointed Chairman for the year 1901.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Thomas Arnold and Fulerton Henderson. The directors recommend Messrs. Arnold and Henderson's re-election.

J. E. KEMPT, Chairman.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1901.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

July to December, 1900.

Assists.

To value of Aberdeen Docks, as per last statement.

Kowloon.

To value of Kowloon Docks, as per last statement.

Less amount since written off.

\$1,223,978.17

Less amount since written off.

\$1,223,978.17

\$1,000,000.00

To amount paid in connection with the extension of the Kowloon Docks.

Bank of China.

£10,000.00

To amount paid in amount of removal of hill on the new extension, Kowloon Marine Lot No. 27.

To amount paid in account of 16 new houses for European fishermen.

£5,221.55

To amount paid in account of 16 new houses for European fishermen.

£5,221.55

To amount paid in account of cutting away hill at head of N. D. Dock.

£817.00

To amount paid in account of new fitting shop.

£147,822.00

To amount paid in account of new forge.

£11,000.00

To amount paid in account of wall protection.

£1,162.00

To cost of new machines for boiler shop.

£24,459.00

To cost of new machines for engine shop.

£19,353.00

To cost of new machines for copper-smiths' shop.

£1,672.00

To cost of new machines for blacksmiths' shop.

£1,823.00

To cost of new machines for saw-mill.

£1,570.00

To cost of new machines for boiler shop.

£10,000.00

To cost of new machines for engine shop.

£1,672.00

To cost of new machines for fitting shop.

£11,554.00

To cost of new machines for fitting shop.

£11,554.00

To cost of new machines for fitting shop.

£10,

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

LOST.

BLACK SHORT-HAIRED PANTHER, with Grey Spots, Kowloon. Finder is requested to deliver for reward to
O. C.
H. I. G. S. "HANGA."
Hongkong, 16th February, 1901. [520]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP NUMBER 331 for 100 SHARES of the Company, numbered 63,401/83,500, in the name of ELLIS KELLY, Esquire, of Hongkong, having been LOST, a New Scrip for the same will be issued after One month from the date hereof and the Original Scrip will be considered by the Company as null and void, and all persons are hereby warned against accepting or negotiating same.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1901. [518]

WANTED by end of the year a 5-STORED HOUSE, if possible with Small Garden, Ground, and on several years Lease. Kowloon no objection.

Apply to—

"GARDEN,"
Care of Office of this Paper.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1901. [519]

REQUERED by a First Class Mercantile House in Hongkong, to act as COMPRADORE. The Highest References required. No one need apply unless he is prepared to give substantial security in the sum of \$100,000. Apply in writing to—

Messrs. JOHNSTON, STOKES & MASTER,
12, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1901. [517]

THE HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.
SHORT RANGE CUP AND SPOONS.

THERE will be a COMPETITION for the above TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 16th inst. at 2.45 p.m.

Ranges—200, 500, and 600 Yards.
Seven shots and one sighter.

Position at 200 yards—Kneeling.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1901. [523]

GLEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR MANILA.
THE Company's Steamship

"GLENTURRET"
will be despatched for the above port on MONDAY, the 18th inst.

For Freight, apply to

MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1901. [513]

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATWAN, AMOY, AND
TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"AKASHI MARU,"
Captain K. Suzuki, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 20th February, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1901. [18]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP,
LONDON, PORT SAID, COLOMBO
AND SINGAPORE

THE Company's Steamship

"TAMBA MARU,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optimal goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. TO-DA.

Goods not cleared by the 21st instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and Notice of same sent to this Office before the 25th inst., or chains in connection therewith will not be recognized.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Hongkong, 15th February, 1901. [516]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS is now ready and contains—

Leading Articles—
Lessons from History in China.
"The Chinese Wolf and European Lamb."

Education of European Children in

Hongkong.
Hongkong's Growth and Accommodation.

China's Opportunity in Education.

The China League.

Legislative Council.

Imperial Decrees.

Reputable Frauds in Hongkong.

Murder on a Blue Funnel Steamer.

The China League.

Navy League Lecture by Capt. Anderson.

Hongkong Sugar.

Victor's Coal in 1900.

Canton.

Manila.

Foochow.

Tientsin Notes.

Correspondence.

Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.

China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Sailors' and Soldiers' Home.

Supreme Court.

Harmston's Circus.

Crickets.

Poethall.

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

Boxing.

Royal Hongkong Golf Club.

Hongkong Life Association.

Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

The U.S. Army Bill.

The Siberian Railway.

An Interview with Li Hung-chang.

Hongkong and Port News.

Subscription \$12 per Annum, payable in advance; postage, \$2.

Extra copies 30 cents each. Cash.

Copies can be posted from the Office to address sent, including postage 34 cents each, or \$1 for three copies Cash.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1901.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE undermentioned Banks will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, the 19th and 20th instant respectively.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,

AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

T. P. COCHRANE,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
Hongkong Agency.

L. BERINOGAUE,
Acting Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED.

J. C. BERGENDAHL,
Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SUGI BANK, LIMITED.

TARO HODSUMI,
Manager.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

For the DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK.

H. SCHOTTLAENDER,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1901. [514]

INSURANCE HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned Insurance Offices will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 19th and 20th instant.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

General Managers.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

For the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

W. J. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.

For the NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

Agents.

For the CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1901. [515]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "TACOMA."

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

The ORIGINAL BROOKLYN MUSICAL QUARTETTE.

The CHAMPION BUCK and WING DANCER of the ASIATIC STATION.

A GRAND CAKE WALK with COON SONGS and DANCES.

IRISH SONG and DANCE ARTISTES.

SENTIMENTAL and COMIC SONGS.

The Whole Concluding with a GRAND TABLEAU Entitled,

"COLUMBIA and BRITANNIA."

Do not miss this opportunity for a Night's Fun.

Hours of Laughter from start to finish.

Proceeds to the Star Coffee House, an institution for Soldiers and Sailors.

Admission—\$3, \$2 and \$1.

PLAN AT ROBINSON PIANO CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1901. [506]

WANTED.

EUROPEAN STOREKEEPER and CLERK.

Must have good references.

Apply stating age to—

Z.,
Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1901. [501]

BACHELOR Requires next month FURNISHED SITTING, BED and BATH ROOMS with Board, or would tiffin Address—

BACHELOR,
Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1901. [491]

THE TANJONG PAGAR DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED, SINGAPORE.

WANTED—AN ASSISTANT MANAGER, Salary \$50 per month, with free Unfurnished House.

Applications and Copies of Testimonials to be sent to the undersigned.

Appointment to be taken up as soon as possible.

THOS. SCOTT,
Chairman.

WANTED—A CIVIL ENGINEER

one who has had experience in building Wharves and Docks preferred.

Applications and Testimonials to be sent to—

THOS. SCOTT,
Chairman.

WANTED.

BY A YOUNG MAN, EVENING WORK,

whether in the line of Bookkeeping,

Rewriting of Accounts, Typewriting or General Office work.

Hours—5.30 to 8 o'clock.

Apply to—

M. A. C.,
Care of Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1901. [425]

SINGAPORE MUNICIPALITY.

THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS

of SINGAPORE require the Services

of a CLERK of WORKS on the projected extension of the Water Works into Kallang Valley.

The Salary of the Post will be from \$175

PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, THIS DAY (SATURDAY), the 10th day of February, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1900.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1901. [361]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 2nd, to the 16th day of February (both days inclusive), during which period NO TRANSFER OF SHARES can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 29th January, 1901. [362]

HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, 98 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 18th instant, at NOON, when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

Should the Resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

That Article XIII. of the Articles of Association be cancelled and that there be substituted therefor the following Article:

12.—The remuneration of the General Manager shall be a commission of Five per Cent per Annum on the gross earnings of the Company and in addition thereto an allowance not exceeding \$3,000 per Annum for Office Rent and Salaries of Clerks.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 7th February, 1901. [437]

THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the Company, held at the Company's Office, No. 14, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 4th day of January, 1901, the following Resolution was passed:

"That in pursuance of the Special Resolutions passed on the 8th day of December, 1900, and confirmed on the 24th day of December, 1900, a Call of One Dollar per Share be made upon all the Holders of Ordinary Shares in the above Company, and the sum is hereby made. Such Call to be paid to the Bankers of the Company, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their premises, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, or before the 20th day of February, 1901."

And Notice is also given that in accordance with Article 24 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest at the rate of 10 per Centum per Annum will be charged upon all calls remaining unpaid after the 20th day of February, 1901, up to the actual date of payment of the same.

Shareholders are requested to note that, upon presentation at the Office of the Company of the Bankers' receipt for payment of the Call, and surrender of existing Certificates of the Shares pertaining thereto, New Share Certificates will be issued bearing an endorsement of the payment of the said Call.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. H. GASKELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1901. [257]

GEO. FENWICK & CO., LIMITED.

THE TWELFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the HONGKONG HOTEL on THURSDAY, the 21st February, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, electing a Dividend, and electing Director and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 21st February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. G. WINTERBURN,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1901. [510]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Plys, on MONDAY, the 25th February, 1901, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the statement of accounts to the 31st December, 1900.

Having regard to the resolutions passed at the Second Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 21st January, 1901, the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th February, 1901, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1901. [392]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Pedder's Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of March, 1901, at 12 o'clock (Noon), to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1900, and the Report of the General Manager, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 29th February to the 6th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1901. [451]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Offices, No. 3, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 7th March, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 21st instant to the 28th, both days inclusive.

By Order,
GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th February, 1901. [468]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LIMITED.

THE SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 7,723 for Fifty Shares numbered 33,524 to 33,573 inclusive, standing in the Register in the name of FOONG KING POON TONG, of Foochow, having been LOST, notice is hereby given that unless the said Certificate be produced at the Offices of the Company, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the Twelfth day of March, 1901, a New Certificate for the mid Shares will be issued and the old Certificate will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

A. SHELLTON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1901. [485]

UNIVERSAL TRADING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the General Manager has made a CALL of \$15 on the Holders of Shares in UNIVERSAL TRADING CO., LTD., which Call is payable to the General Manager on the 31st of March, 1901, at the Company's registered office, No. 4, Des Voeux Road Central.

Dated Hongkong, 31st January, 1901.
ELLIS KELLY,
General Manager.
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TO LET.

ROOM AND BOARD.

IN PRIVATE FAMILY, \$80 a month.
Nice View of the Harbour.
Apply to—

JOHN DOE,
Care of Office of this Paper.
Hongkong, 11th February, 1901. [476]

OFFICES TO LET.

2ND FLOORS of Nos. 62A and 64, and GROUND FLOOR No. 63 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Apply to—
ON CHAI & CO.,
2nd Floor No. 52, Gage Street.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1901. [234]

TO LET.

FURNISHED HOUSE in KOWLOON for Seven months, from the end of March, 1901.
Apply to—

MORE & SEIMUND,
Hongkong, 26th December, 1900. [72]

TO LET.

“WESTLEY” with TENNIS COURTS and GARDEN.—Possession on 1st May.

EICHMONT TERRACE—Nos. 2 & 5, Possession on 1st April; No. 6, Immediate Possession.

Apply to—
LAU CHU PAK,
Care of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1901. [484]

TO LET.

With Immediate Possession.

N.O. 1 SELBORNE VILLAS, KENNEDY ROAD.

Apply to—
WO KEE & CO.,
No. 18, Des Voeux Road.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1901. [400]

TO LET.

WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

A SPACIOUS ROOM, suitable for an OFFICE, on N.E. corner of THIRD FLOOR, PRINCE'S BUILDINGS.

Apply to—
S. J. DAVID & CO.,
Hongkong, 16th July, 1900. [67]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in RIPOU TERRACE.

No. 2, FAIRVIEW, from 1st April.

Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1901. [68]

TO LET.

(Possession on 1st April, 1901).

N.O. 13, GAGE STREET, 8 ROOMS and a GARDEN.

Apply to—
E. A. DE CARVALHO,
C. F. DE CAEVALHO,
Hongkong, 12th February, 1901. [483]

TO LET.

FURNISHED, that Spacious Residence at THE PEAK known as “THE EXYRIE” The healthiest place in the Colony, with the finest views and most bracing air.

For Particulars, apply to—
R. C. WILCOX,
8, Beaconsfield Arcade.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1901. [318]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

M. R. GILLANDE & S.
“GLENWOOD,”
11, CAINE ROAD,
Hongkong, 20th September, 1900. [247]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS with Board.
Apply to Mrs. MATHER,
2, Pedder's Hill,
Hongkong, 1st January, 1892.

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

Mrs. SIDNEY JEFFREY,
“VERSES”,
BEACH ROAD, WEST,
FELIXSTOWE, SUFFOLK,
ENGLAND.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1900. [73]

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Pedder's Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of March, 1901, at 12 o'clock (Noon), to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1900, and the Report of the General Manager, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 29th February to the 6th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1901. [481]

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

THE TONTINE OF THE LOYAL UPSHIRES.

BY
FRED WHISKEY.

(Author of "Clutterbuck's Treasure," &c.)

(Continued.)

There had been tremendous fighting for the whole of the day on both sides of the koppie, but the din of war had now died down apparently the enemy still held his position.

Gordon's wound was painful and he could not sleep; his companion was restless also.

“Let's both swear we won't move on if the other sleep,” he suggested suddenly; and Gordon laughed and agreed.

“You'll think me darned anxious to win that pool, and so I am,” continued Evans, “and as you seem the right kind of good chap, mate, and may be my last friend on this earth, I don't know what I'll tell you the reason. There's a woman in it.”

“No doubt,” said Gordon, “there generally is.” Evans granted, and the conversation languished for a few minutes.

“I don't know why you should be so keen on winning this your tontine,” said Evans presently. “I seem to have particular reasons, they say one's own always look the biggest. I suppose you're a married man?”

“No, not likely to be,” Gordon growled. “woman ain't in my line.”

As a matter of fact, and as Evans would have known had he belonged to the Upshires, Gordon was popularly supposed in the regiment to have been badly jilted; his remarks upon the subject of the sex were invariably sour and he had been heard to announce that any man who trusted a woman must be the kind of damned fool that was past praying for. In fastening this theory upon Gordon the regiment had, for once, made an accurate guess. He had been abominably treated, but a year or two since, while stationed at Adoor, his girl having suddenly and utterly deserted him, presumably in favour of a young rascal, and this within hail of the wedding day, Gordon never spoke of the matter; but the catastrophe had left him a silent, sombre man, and the regiment—having so far as Gordon could guess—had accurately gauged the reason for his sternness and silence, and for his sour view of womanhood.

Gordon spoke again presently.

“I suppose I've behaved badly to her,” he said suddenly; “for it's two years now and we ain't married yet, though she knows, and, as I 'elp me! Get, I swear it's true, my one and chief desire is to do rightly by her. It was that or nothing.”

Gordon laughed, and the laugh apparently lit upon the other, for he lay still for some little while and said no more.

“You needn't suppose,” he resumed, after a pause of a quarter of an hour, during which there was silence broken only by the sound of an occasional sniping shot, or the cry of some wounded man behind them asking for water, or praying aloud that for God's sake he might die: “You mustn't suppose I regret it or ever did regret it, or shall. I'm only sorry it's so long.”

Gordon had been seriously wounded, and was still alive but unconscious. Gordon moistened his lips and temples with the few remaining drops of water. He waved a handkerchief persistently, and at length a couple of men, having hurried Hughes, who lay close at hand, reached their hands through the stones; they'd be off before I've been able to do right by her. Another pause, and again the startling single shots, and the appalling prayers from the rear.

“I've sent her what I can,” Evans resumed, “but Lord knows whether she gets it now, during this blamed war. She doesn't come under any kind of list, if you see, of those to get helped; and who knows what becomes of letters posted in this damned country? There's bound I've sent her since the war began, an' my chocolate box that shall have sold for ten thick 'uns if it ever reached her, but who's to know?”

“Any kids?” said Gordon.

“One, Lord! You never did see such a wonder! Crawled at six months and walked at twelve; the image of her mother, God bless her, Lord, what wouldn't I give to see the pain again before I die!”

“Well, you've had the most infernal luck!” said Gordon sympathetically, “maybe you will. Our chaps'll fetch us in the morning under the red flag, or they'll take the morning off again before I die!”

“Maybe you will,” said Gordon, “but I'm afraid they'll catch us in the morning under the red flag, or they'll take the morning off again before I die!”

“That'll be all right,” said Evans; “it was like this.”

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VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & BIG	OWNER	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL	COROMANDEL	Brit. str.	F. W. Vibert, E.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at Noon.	
LONDON	SHANGHAI	Brit. str.	A. F. Street	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 21st inst.	
LONDON	ALCINOUS	Brit. str.	Fulford	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 2nd inst.	
LONDON	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	Robinson	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 5th Mar.	
LONDON	GLAUCUS	Brit. str.	E. Oessmann	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 13th Mar.	
LIVERPOOL	SACHSEN	Ger. str.	W. Thompson	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 13th inst.	
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	SADO MAE	Jap. str.	Eridan	MELCHERS & CO.	On 20th inst., at Noon.	
MARSHALLS, LONDON & ANTWERP, V. SPOKE, &c.	ANNAM	Even. str.	Proesch	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 23rd inst., at Daylight.	
MARSHALLS, HARVEY, CHAGEN, & BALIC PORTS	PHRIBURG	Ger. str.	n. Binzer	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 25th inst., at 1 P.M.	
HARVEY & HAMBURG	MARBURG	Ger. str.	Jacobs	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.	
HARVEY & HAMBURG	SIBERIA	Ger. str.	Schlaefke	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 5th Mar.	
HARVEY & HAMBURG	BAMBERG	Ger. str.	Peterson	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 15th Mar.	
HARVEY & HAMBURG	SARNIA	Ger. str.	H. Pybus, E.N.E.	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 25th Mar.	
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	POLMINA	Brit. str.	A. Dixon	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On or about 5th Apr.	
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	ALBENGA	Ger. str.	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	On or about 15th Apr.	
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	Peterson	CARLOWITZ & CO.	Quick despatch.	
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	TACOMA	Brit. str.	H. Pybus, E.N.E.	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 9th Mar.	
PORTLAND, OREGON, &c. VIA JAPAN, &c.	EVIA	Brit. str.	A. Dixon	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 13th Mar.	
SAN FRANCISCO VIA AMOY, &c.	GAEVIC	Brit. str.	Peterson	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	On 1st Mar.	
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	HONGKONG MARU	Jap. str.	H. Pybus, E.N.E.	AERNOLD, KARBERG & CO.	On or about 10th Mar.	
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	CHINA	Ams. str.	A. Dixon	O. & S. S. CO.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.	
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	STRATHGELE	Brit. str.	Peterson	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 2nd Mar., at Noon.	
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	H. Pybus, E.N.E.	PACIFIC MAIL S. S. CO.	On 12th Mar., at Noon.	
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	KASUGA MARU	Jap. str.	A. Dixon	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On or about 20th Mar.	
YOKOHAMA	EASTERN	Brit. str.	Peterson	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 18th inst.	
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ELSE	Brit. str.	H. Pybus, E.N.E.	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 22nd inst., at 4 P.M.	
NAGASAKI, SASEBO, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CHINA	Ams. str.	A. Dixon	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 27th inst., at Daylight.	
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU	Jap. str.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	NIPPO YUSEN KAISHA	On 18th inst., at Noon.	
SHANGHAI	ROSETTA MARU	Jap. str.	R. Mayes	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 21st inst., at 5 P.M.	
SHANGHAI & JAPAN	LOONGMOON	Ger. str.	J. W. Wade	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 25th inst.	
SHANGHAI	BENGAL	Brit. str.	N. Tait	NIPPO YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Daylight.	
SWATOW, AMOF & TAIWANFOO	BOMBAY	Brit. str.	Knoop	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 22nd inst., at Noon.	
MANILA	PLASSY	Brit. str.	S. Barcham	EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO., LTD.	On 2nd inst.	
MANILA	AKASHI MARU	Jap. str.	G. M. Montford, E.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	On or about 17th inst.	
MANILA	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	C. F. Preston, E.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	On or about 28th inst.	
MANILA	GLENTUREST	Brit. str.	K. Suzuki	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	On about 2nd Mar.	
MANILA	DIAMANTE	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 29th inst., at Daylight.	
MANILA	SUNGKANG	Brit. str.	A. Ramsey	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 18th inst.	
MANILA	KASUGA MARU	Jap. str.		SHEWAN, TOMEY & CO.	On 18th inst., at 5 P.M.	
SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY	BORMIDA	Ital. str.	E. W. Haswell	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 22nd inst., at 4 P.M.	

SHIPPING.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

ARRIVALS.
Feb. 14, COWRIE, British str., 1,235, Davis, Novorossiisk, 8th Dec., and Singapore 4th Feb., Kersew, AERNOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Feb. 14, WOSANG, British str., 1,172, John, Wuhan 12th February, General—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Feb. 14, MARIA TERESA, Austrian str., 1,922, T. Rassevich, Shanghai 11th Feb., General—SANDER, WIELER & CO.

Feb. 14, AMICO, German str., 772, J. Hendiken, Saigon 4th Feb., Rice—JENSEN & CO.

Feb. 14, TAMBA MARU, Jap. str., 3,800, John W. Vale, London 6th Jan., General—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

Feb. 15, CHOYANG, British steamer, 1,150, Bowker, Canton 14th February, General—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Feb. 15, ZENTA, Austrian cruiser, 2,500, [Sakai, Bangkok 8th February.

Feb. 15, DECIMA, German str., 794, Christianen, Saigon 11th Feb., Rice—SIEMESSEN & CO.

Feb. 15, KWANGHSE, British str., 1,700, Harris, Wuhan 10th Feb., Rice—SIEMESSEN & CO.

Feb. 15, HONGKONG, French str., 382, Pannier, Haiphong and Kwong-houwan 14th Feb., General—A. R. MARTY.

Feb. 15, GLOUCESTER, British str., 3,597, Barwise, Moji 11th Feb., General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

Feb. 15, HANOI, French steamer, 749, Pannier, Haiphong and Kwong-houwan 14th Feb., General—A. R. MARTY.

Feb. 15, HONGKONG, French str., 382, Pannier, Haiphong and Kwong-houwan 14th Feb., General—A. R. MARTY.

Feb. 15, MICHAEL JENSEN, German str., 710, J. Jensen, Haiphong 13th Feb., and Hoitow 14th, General—JENSEN & CO.

Feb. 15, TACOMA, British str., 1,889, A. Dixon, Tacoma 14th Jan., General—DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.

Feb. 15, TOONAN, American str., 936, J. Blethen, Shanghai 12th Feb., General—CHINESE & AMERICAN PORTS.

Feb. 15, MOZAMBIQUE, British str., 2,395, Robt. Cleane, New York 20th Sept., Kersew Oil—STANDARD OIL CO.

CLEARANCES.
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
16TH FEBRUARY.

Arratoon Appear, British str., for Singapore, Emeralds, British str., for Manila, Choyang, British str., for Canton.

Ela, German str., for Bangkok.

Helios, German str., for Port Arthur.

Takson, British str., for Bangkok.

Kingfa, British str., for Shanghai.

Tschio, German str., for Canton.

Tschio, German str., for Bangkok.

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 15, UNDAUNTED, British str., for Home.

Feb. 15, GABONNE, American str., for Manila.

Feb. 15, LOKAL, German str., for Bangkok.

Feb. 15, HOLSTEIN, German str., for Saigon.

Feb. 15, TAICHOW, German str., for Bangkok.

Feb. 15, ONSANG, British str., for Yokohama.

Feb. 15, A. ARCAL, British str., for Calcutta.

Feb. 15, ENSEBALDO, British str., for Manila.

Feb. 15, CHOYANG, British str., for Shanghai.

Feb. 15, WOSANG, British str., for Canton.

Feb. 15, SULTAN V. LANGKAT, Dutch str., for Amoy.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

ABERDEEN DOCKS—KOWLOON DOCKS—S.M.S. Hansa, U.S.S. Ida de Luzon, Navaryu, U.S.S. Bennington, H.M.S. Collett, Zaire, COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—Hawke.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The American steamer Toone, from Shang-

hai 12th Feb., had moderate N.W. winds and clear weather throughout.

The British steamer Glauconus, from Moji 11th Feb., had fresh N.W. gales to Tsinanabout and light breeze and smooth sea to port.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's New Steamship

"DIAMANTE."

Captain A. Ramsey, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 18th inst., at 5 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the excellent accommodation provided by this steamer. She is fitted throughout with the Electric Light.

A doctor is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMEY & CO., Standard Oil Co.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1901. [512]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,

PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP,

BREMEN/HAMBURG,

PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIK PORTS,

ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON

AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE
N.E.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES
IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMER:	SAILING DATES:
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 20th February.
KIATSCHOU (Norddeutscher Lloyd)	6th March.
BAYERIN	20th March.
STUTTGART	3rd April.
KONIG ALBERT	17th April.
PRINZESS IRENE	1st May.
PRINZ HEINRICH	15th May.
PEBUSSEN	29th May.
HAMBURG (Hamburg-Amerika Linie)	13th June.
SACHSEN	27th June.
KIATSCHOU (Hamburg-Amerika Linie)	11th July.

On WEDNESDAY, the 20th day of February, 1901, the Steamship "SACHSEN" of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain E. Oessmann, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA. Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on MONDAY, the 18th February, and Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 19th February, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on TUESDAY, the 19th February. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement. The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess. Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to

VESSELS ON THE BEACH.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL
LONDON	"ALCINOUS"	Pulford	On 23rd Feb.
LONDON	"IXION"	Robinson	On 5th Mar.
LONDON	"DEUCALION"		On 19th Mar.
LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"		On 18th Feb. (Taking Cargo at London)

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

AGENTS O. S. S. CO.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1901.

VESSELS ON THE BEACH.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.	
HONGKONG MARU (via)	SATURDAY, MAR. 2.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yo-	1901, at DAYLIGHT.
kohama, and Honolulu)	
NIFFEY MARU (via)	THURSDAY, MAR. 22.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yo-	1901, at NOON.
kohama, and Honolulu)	
AMERICA MARU (via)	TUESDAY, April 23.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yo-	1901, at NOON.
kohama, and Honolulu)	

VESSELS ON THE BEACH.

THE TWIN-SCREW Steamship

"HONGKONG MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU on SATURDAY, the 2nd March, 1901, at DAYLIGHT, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Hawaii, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's Office and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Circular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, addressed to the Company's Office, via Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1901.

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U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

CHINA (via Shanghai), Nagasaki, Kobe, In-

land Sea, Yokohama, 1901, at Noon.

and Honolulu)

CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO (via Shanghai, Nagasi-

ki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yo-

kohama, and Honolulu)

CITY OF PEKING (via

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Tu-

RSDAY, APR. 6, 1901, at Noon.

and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 12,

1901, at Noon.

and Honolulu)

SUNDAY, MAR. 17,

1901, at Noon.

and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 19,

1901, at Noon.

and Honolulu)

COPPER (via Shanghai,

Nagasaki, Kobe, In-

land Sea, Yokohama, 1901, at Noon.

and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 13,

1901, at Noon.

and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 14,

1901, at Noon.

and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 15,

1901, at Noon.

and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 16,

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TUESDAY, MAR. 17,

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TUESDAY, MAR. 18,

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and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 19,

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TUESDAY, MAR. 20,

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TUESDAY, MAR. 21,

1901, at Noon.

and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 22,

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and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 23,

1901, at Noon.

and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 24,

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and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 25,

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and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 26,

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and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 27,

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and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 28,

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and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 29,

1901, at Noon.

and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 30,

1901, at Noon.

and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 31,

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and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 1,

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and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 2,

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and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 3,

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TUESDAY, MAR. 4,

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TUESDAY, MAR. 5,

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TUESDAY, MAR. 6,

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TUESDAY, MAR. 7,

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and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 8,

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and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 9,

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and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 10,

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and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 11,

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and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 12,

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TUESDAY, MAR. 20,

1901, at Noon.

and Honolulu)

TUESDAY, MAR. 21,

1901, at Noon.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The Bengal, with the English Mail of the 18th January, left Singapore on Monday, the 11th Inst., at noon, and may be expected here to-morrow. This Packet brings reply to letters dispatched from Hongkong on the 17th December.

The Hongkong Mail, with the American Mail of the 24th ult., left Yokohama on Wednesday, the 13th Inst., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 20th Inst.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR
Nagasaki, Kobo and Moji
Singapore, Penang and Bombay
EUROPE, &c., India via Tunicorin
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.)
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra postage 10 cents.)

Moji
Shanghai
Singapore and Bombay
Yokohama
Manila, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne
Shanghai
Manila

EUROPE, &c., India via Tunicorin
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

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HONOLULU, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA

(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

Kobe and Yokohama
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA,
VICTORIA and VANCOUVER, B.C.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

Korea and Yokohama
EUROPE, &c., India via Tunicorin
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

TO-DAY.
Meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, noon.
Cup and Spoon Competitions, Hongkong Rifle Association, 2.45 p.m.
Meeting of the Perseverance Lodge of Hongkong, 3.30 p.m.
Harmon's Circus, Recreation Ground, near Race Course, 9 p.m.
Variety Concert by the U.S.S. Brooklyn, City Hall.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

FRIDAY, 15th February.

ON LONDON.—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/11^{1/2}
Bank Bills, on demand 2/0
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 2/0
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/0
Credits, at 4 months' sight 2/0
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 2/0

ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand 2/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight 2/5

ON GERMANY.—
On demand 2/6

ON NEW YORK.—
Bank Bills, on demand 4/3
Credits, 60 days' sight 4/9

ON BORROW.—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/9
Bank, on demand 1/9

ON CALCUTTA.—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/9
Bank, on demand 1/9

ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, at sight 7/1
Private, 30 days' sight 7/1

ON YOKOHAMA.—
On demand 11 p.c. pm.

ON MANILA.—
On demand 11 p.c. pm.

ON SINGAPORE.—
On demand 1 p.c. pm.

ON BATAVIA.—
On demand 1 p.c. pm.

ON HONGKONG.—
On demand 21 p.c. pm.

ON SAIGON.—
On demand 2 p.c. pm.

ON BANGKOK.—
On demand 10

Sovereigns, Banker's Buying Rate 10

GOLD LEAF, 100 lbs per lac 5/75

BAR SILVER, per oz 2/2

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The P. & O. steamer *Bengal* left Singapore for this port on the 11th Inst., at noon, with the other English mails, and is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C.P. R. steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Nagasaki at 1 p.m. on Thursday, the 14th Inst., and left again at 4 p.m. on Friday, the 15th Inst., for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

THE IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL STEAMER *Sachsen* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on Sunday, the 10th Inst., p.m., and may be expected here on about Tuesday, the 12th Inst.

The Imperial German Mail steamer *Eugen*, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 21st ult., left Colombo on Saturday, the 9th Inst., p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 20th Inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer *Cæcilia*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 16th ult., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and left for this port on the 5th Inst., via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shingoku.

The T. K. steamer *Hongkong Man*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 26th ult., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and left for this port on the 13th Inst., via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shingoku.

The P. M. steamer *China*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 9th Inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The Indo-China steamer *Chelydra*, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 9th Inst., at noon.

NEAR EAST STREAMERS.

The N. P. steamer *Glenarur* left Yokohama for this port on the 5th Inst.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 15th February.

COMPANY. PAID UP QUOTATIONS

Banks

Hongkong & Shantung \$125 \$567 1/2, buyers

China & Japan, only 2/1 2/1

Nat'l Bank of China 2/1 2/1

A. Standard 2/1 2/1, buyers

B. Standard 2/1 2/1, buyers

C. Standard 2/1 2/1, buyers

D. Standard 2/1 2/1, buyers

E. Standard 2/1 2/1, buyers

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G. Standard 2/1 2/1, buyers

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Q. Standard 2/1 2/1, buyers

R. Standard 2/1 2/1, buyers

S. Standard 2/1 2/1, buyers

T. Standard 2/1 2/1, buyers

U. Standard 2/1 2/1, buyers

V. Standard 2/1 2/1, buyers

W. Standard 2/1 2/1, buyers

X. Standard 2/1 2/1, buyers

Y. Standard 2/1 2/1, buyers

Z. Standard 2/1 2/1, buyers

Letters 2/1 2/1, buyers

Registers 2/1 2/1, buyers

Stocks 2/1 2/1, buyers

Shares 2/1 2/1, buyers

Stocks 2/1 2/1, buyers

Stocks